

Poland Presbyterian Church



Worship for the Lord's Day
April 16, 2023

The beginning of the Prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for the worship of God.

Meditation Before Worship

Take faith, for example. For many people in our world, the opposite of faith is doubt. The goal, then, within this understanding, is to eliminate doubt. But faith and doubt aren't opposites. Doubt is often a sign that your faith has a pulse, that it's alive and well and exploring and searching. Faith and doubt aren't opposites, they are, it turns out, excellent dance partners. Rob Bell

Prelude "Lefébure-Wély: Elevation ou communion in B Flat Major"

Welcome and Announcements

Minutes for Mission (10:30)

Teresa Boyce, Ursuline Sisters Mission

Introit (10:30)

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

arr. Phillip Keveren

* Call to Worship (Responsive)

Protect me, O God, for in You I take refuge. I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from You."

Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.

I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also, my heart instructs me.

I keep the Lord always before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore, my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

You show me the path of life. In Your presence there is fullness of joy; in Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

* Hymn 35

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

LOBE DEN HERREN

* Prayer of Confession and Silent Confession (unison)

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, You shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak and abuse the earth You made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust Your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord...

* The Good News of God's Grace

Friends, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

* The Gloria Patri

* Greetings in Christian Friendship

Children's Message

Erika Carcelli

Anthem (10:30)

"Be Still"

Daniel Barta

Prayer of Illumination (10:30-Liturgist)

God our Helper, by Your Holy Spirit, open our minds, that as the Scriptures are read and Your Word is proclaimed, we may be led into Your truth and taught Your will, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading 1 Peter 1:3-9 (10:30-Liturgist)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Offering

Offertory

“The Old Rugged Cross”

Greg Howlett

* Prayer of Dedication and Doxology

Sharing Concerns (8:30)

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer (debts and debtors)

Sermon Text John 20:19-31 (Liturgist)

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.” A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Word Proclaimed

“Why Doubt?”

Rev. Stacie Maynard

The Great Thanksgiving (8:30)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God our thanks and praise...

Communion (8:30)

* Affirmation of Faith – Apostles’ Creed (in unison)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

* Closing Hymn 238

“Thine Is the Glory”

JUDAS MACCABEUS

* Benediction

Postlude

“Voluntary II”

John Alcock Jr.

* Please stand if you are able.

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Randy Nord

* Sydney Metzinger

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* Youth Elder/Deacons

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In Our Prayers...

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WIT Group will meet at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, April 17th for lunch at the Golden Rye, 10745 Main Street, New Middletown, OH, 44442. Please note the change of restaurant from Tigers Table to The Golden Rye.

Men's Thomas Group meets every Thursday, 7:30 a.m. at TJ's Restaurant, Holiday Inn Boardman. They are reading "Under God's Wings" by Cornelius Plantinga. Please purchase the book on your own. All men of the church are invited.

Gentle Yoga Mat Class with Coco Miller will be every Tuesday from 6:30-7:45 p.m. Fee is \$15.00. Please call 330-402-1533 for registration and more information.

PPC Dry Pantry Regular items needed are bars of soap, deodorant (men's and women's), dish soap, feminine products, laundry detergent, liquid hand soap, paper towels, razors, shampoo (children and adult), shaving cream, toilet paper, toothpaste (children and adult). You may put your donations in the box marked Dry Pantry on the second floor of the Christian Education building or leave them on the front porch.

Everyone is welcome to join in the fun at the **Youth Group's 1st Karaoke Night** on April 23rd at 5:00. We would love to have you hang out with us and get to know the youth better. The cost of admission is a snack to share. Hope to see you there!

Scouts Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Sunday, April 30, 2023 from 11:30 – 5:30 in Fellowship Hall. A variety of Pastas, sauces and toppings. The meal includes salad and dessert. Dine in or Take Out available. Cost is \$12.00.

Calendar for the week of April 16, 2023

Sunday, April 16th

8:30 Worship Service
10:30-Confirmation Class
10:30-Sunday School
10:30-Worship Service

Monday, April 17th

11:30-WIT Luncheon, Golden Rye Grille
6:00-Dry Pantry Distribution
6:00-Cub Scouts, YH
7:30-Scouts, YH

Tuesday April 18th

5:30-Deacons Meeting, FH
6:30-Gentle Yoga Class, Room 24
8:00-Tuesday Evening Group, CR

Wednesday, April 19th

9:00-Staff Meeting Zoom

Thursday, April 20th

7:30-Thomas Group, TJ's Restaurant
Sr. High Scholarship Applications Due to Office
12:30-Zoom Lunch
4:00-Grief Support Group, Zoom
6:00-Chancel Choir rehearsal

Friday, April 21st

Saturday, April 22nd

1:00-Middlers' Fun Day

Sunday, April 23rd

8:30 Worship Service
9:20-Worship & Music Committee Meeting, Lib.
10:30-Confirmation Class
10:30-Sunday School
10:30-Worship Service
5:00-Sr. High Youth Group-Karaoke Night